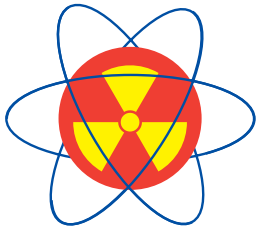




ENERGY EMPLOYEES OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS COMPENSATION PROGRAM ACT



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WHERE TO GO FOR HELP

A list of addresses and telephone numbers for Resource Centers and District Offices is included in this packet. You may also:

- ❖ visit the Department of Labor's Internet web site, www.dol.gov; or
- ❖ call our toll-free call center, (866) 888-3322.

What claim forms are required?

For Employees:

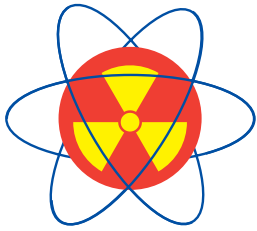
EE-1
EE-3
medical report conforming to EE-7

For Survivors:

EE-2 & proof of relationship
EE-3
medical report conforming to EE-7

Where to file claims:

Consult the enclosed list of District Offices and state jurisdiction map, and file your claim at the District Office that has jurisdiction over the area where the covered employee last worked.



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FACT SHEET

The Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA):

- ❖ was passed in October, 2000;
- ❖ became effective on July 31, 2001;
- ❖ was amended in October and December, 2001;
- ❖ provides \$150,000 in lump-sum compensation, as well as related medical expenses to workers who contracted certain diseases as a result of exposure to beryllium, silica or radiation while working for the Department of Energy, its contractors or subcontractors in the nuclear weapons industry;
- ❖ provides \$50,000 in lump-sum payments and medical expenses to uranium employees who were awarded benefits, by the Department of Justice under Section 5 of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA); and
- ❖ provides benefits to specified survivors of deceased employees.

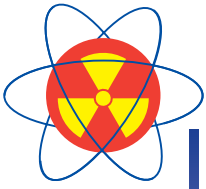
Covered diseases include:

- ❖ cancer that is at least as likely as not related to radiation exposure in covered employment;
- ❖ specified cancers for some employees;
- ❖ chronic beryllium disease (CBD);
- ❖ chronic silicosis;
- ❖ beryllium sensitivity (medical benefits only); and
- ❖ medical conditions accepted under RECA.

Four agencies have responsibility for administering the Act:

The Department of Labor (DOL), as the lead agency, determines eligibility for compensation and medical expenses.

- ❖ The Department of Energy (DOE) provides information to DOL relevant to claims, provides worker exposure information to the Department of Health and Human Services, helps DOE contractor and subcontractor workers file state workers' compensation claims for conditions due to toxic exposures at work, and designates atomic weapons employers and additional beryllium vendors.
- ❖ The Department of Health and Human Services establishes procedures for estimating radiation doses, develops guidelines to determine the probability that a cancer was caused by the exposure to radiation, estimates radiation doses (dose reconstruction), and determines additions to the Special Exposure Cohort.
- ❖ The Department of Justice notifies uranium workers eligible for benefits under RECA that they may also receive compensation from the Department of Labor.

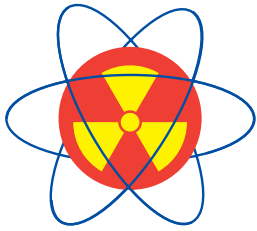


To qualify for compensation:

- ❖ Employees provide DOL with their employment history (by completing Form EE-3) and medical records showing evidence of a covered disease.
- ❖ DOE verifies the employment history whenever possible, but employment history may also be verified through other evidence, such as Social Security records, pension and union records, or through statements by co-workers or other contacts.
- ❖ Survivors need to provide the same work history and medical records for the deceased worker to qualify for compensation and evidence of their relationship to the employee such as a marriage certificate or birth certificate.

Claim forms are included with this packet. To get additional claim forms:

- ❖ visit DOL's website, www.dol.gov;
- ❖ call DOL's toll-free call center, (866) 888-3322; or
- ❖ contact the nearest district office or resource center (see separate location lists).



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When can I file my claim under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA)?

You can send your claim in any time. There are no time limitations for filing a claim.

Who can file for benefits?

Workers or former workers may be eligible if:

- ❖ they have an illness caused by radiation, beryllium or silica (or have recovered from the illness) and
- ❖ they were exposed to radiation, beryllium or silica while they were working in the nuclear weapons industry for the Department of Energy, including its contractors and subcontractors. Uranium miners, millers and ore transporters may be eligible for benefits if they have been awarded benefits under Section 5 of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA). Certain survivors of these two groups of employees may also be eligible for benefits.

What diseases are covered?

The law covers cancer caused by radiation, beryllium sensitivity, chronic beryllium disease and chronic silicosis.

What are the benefits?

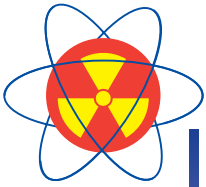
If you have cancer caused by radiation, chronic silicosis or chronic beryllium disease, you may receive

- ❖ a lump-sum payment of \$150,000 and
- ❖ medical benefits for the job-related illness from the date you filed your claim but no earlier than July 31, 2001. If you have beryllium sensitivity only, you may receive medical monitoring of that condition, but you will not receive the lump-sum payment.

If I qualify for benefits under RECA, what benefits will I get under this law?

If you are a uranium employee who was awarded benefits under RECA, you may receive:

- ❖ a lump-sum payment of up to \$50,000 and
- ❖ medical benefits for the job-related illness, from the date you file your EEOICPA claim but no earlier than July 31, 2001.



Are surviving spouses eligible for benefits?

Yes, if they were married to the eligible employee for one year before the date of the employee's death.

Are children eligible for benefits?

Yes, if their parent was an eligible employee and if there is no qualified surviving spouse, payment will be made in equal shares to the living children of the covered employee; "child" includes a recognized natural child, a stepchild who lived with an individual in a regular parent-child relationship, or an adopted child; compensation is also provided to a minor child of the employee who is not a natural or adopted child of the surviving spouse.

Where can I get a form?

The forms are available from three sources:

- ❖ you can download them off the Internet at www.dol.gov;
- ❖ you can request a form from the toll free call center, (866) 888-3322; or
- ❖ you can pick them up at the closest Resource Center or District Office (see separate location lists).

Where should I file my claim for benefits?

Claims should be submitted to the District Office having jurisdiction of the state where the covered employee last worked.

How much time do I have to file a claim?

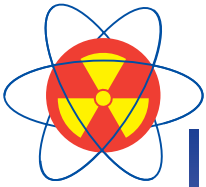
There is no deadline, but if you are eligible, medical benefits for the job-related illness start from the date you file the claim, but no earlier than July 31, 2001.

Once I file a claim, how long will I have to wait to get benefits?

How long it takes to process a claim depends on many factors. We are working hard to avoid unnecessary delays.

What facilities are covered under this law?

The Department of Energy has listed more than 300 facilities. You can find the list on the Internet at www.doe.gov or call the Energy Department's toll free hotline, (877) 447-9756. You can also use the Labor Department's web site, www.dol.gov to link to the list.



What can I do if the facility where I worked is not on the list and it should be?

If you want to suggest other facilities for the Department of Energy's list, call toll-free, (877) 447-9756, or send email to: www.eh.doe.gov/advocacy. You may also write to the Office of Worker Advocacy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585.

What do I need to file a claim?

If you are a worker or former worker, you should complete Form EE-1. If you are a survivor, you should complete Form EE-2. We will also need the worker's employment history, Form EE-3, and medical evidence of the illness as described on Form EE-7.

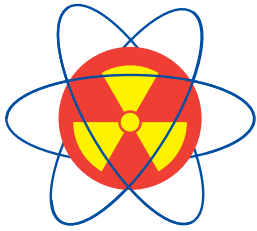
How can I prove that I worked for the Department of Energy or one of its contractors if I no longer have any employment records?

The Department of Energy will verify your work history if they have records available. If the records are not available, the Department of Labor will help you develop your work history through other sources such as Social Security records, pension and union records, statements by co-workers or other contacts.

What proof do survivors need to file claims?

Survivors need to complete Form EE-2. In addition, the Department of Labor needs

- ❖ the deceased worker's employment history and medical records, plus
- ❖ proof of the survivor's relationship to the deceased employee, such as marriage or birth certificates.



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DISTRICT OFFICE LOCATIONS

District Office 1 – Jacksonville, Florida

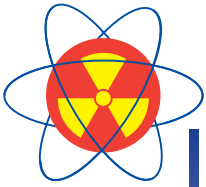
(Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee)

U.S. Department of Labor, DEEOIC
214 North Hogan Street Suite #910
Jacksonville, FL 32202
Main # (904) 357-4705
Fax # (904) 357-4704
Toll Free # (877) 336-4272
Regional Director: Nancy Ricker
District Director: William Franson

District Office 2 – Cleveland, Ohio

(Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virgin Islands, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin)

U.S. Department of Labor, DEEOIC
1001 Lakeside Avenue, Suite #350
Cleveland, OH 44114
Main # (216) 802-1300
Fax # (216) 802-1308
Toll Free # (888) 859-7211
Regional Director: Nancy Jenson
District Director: Charles Ketcham, Jr



District Office 3 – Denver, Colorado

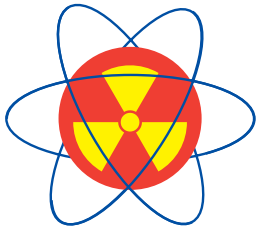
(Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Wyoming and all claims from RECA Section 5 awardees)

U.S. Department of Labor, DEEOIC
1999 Broadway Suite #1120
P.O. Box 46550
Denver, CO 80201-6550
Main # (720) 264-3060
Fax # (720) 264-3089
Toll Free # (888) 805-3389
Regional Director: E. Martin Walker
Deputy Regional/District Director: Robert Mansanares
Assistant District Director: Kevin Peterson

District Office 4 – Seattle, Washington

(Alaska, Arizona, California, Idaho, Hawaii, Marshall Islands, Nevada, Oregon and Washington)

U.S. Department of Labor, DEEOIC
719 2nd Avenue, 6th Floor, Suite #601
Seattle, Washington 98104
Main # (206) 373-6750
Fax # (206) 373-6798
Toll Free # (888) 805-3401
Regional Director: Edward Bounds
District Director:



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RESOURCE CENTERS

Augusta Resource Center

1708 Bunting Drive
North Augusta, SC 29841
Main (803) 279-2728
Fax (803) 279-0146
toll-free (866) 666-4606
srs.center@eh.doe.gov

Espanola Resource Center

412 Paseo De Onate Suite "D"
Espanola, NM 87532
Main (505) 747-6766
Fax (505) 747-6765
toll-free (866) 272-3622
espanola.center@eh.doe.gov

Idaho Falls Resource Center

Exchange Plaza
1820 East 17th Street Suite 375
Idaho Falls, ID 83404
Main (208) 523-0158
Fax (208) 557-0551
toll-free (800) 861-8608
idaho.center@eh.doe.gov

Las Vegas Resource Center

Flamingo Executive Park
1050 East Flamingo Road Suite W-156
Las Vegas, NV 89119
Main (702) 697-0841
Fax (702) 697-0843
toll-free (866) 697-0841
vegas.center@eh.doe.gov

Oak Ridge Resource Center

Jackson Plaza Complex
800 Oak Ridge Turnpike Suite C-103
Oak Ridge, TN 37830
Main (865) 481-0411
Fax (865) 481-8832
toll-free (866) 481-0411
or.center@eh.doe.gov

Paducah Resource Center

Barkley Center, Unit 125
125 Memorial Drive
Paducah, KY 42001
Main (270) 534-0599
Fax (270) 534-8723
(866) 534-0599 OR
toll-free (888) 654-9922
paducah.center@eh.doe.gov

Portsmouth Resource Center

4320 Old Scioto Trail
Portsmouth, OH 45662
Main (740) 353-6993
Fax (740) 353-4707
toll-free (866) 363-6993
portsmouth.center@eh.doe.gov

Richland Resource Center

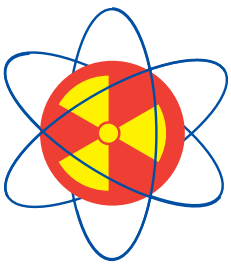
1029 N. Kellogg Street
Kennewick, WA 99336
Main (509) 783-1500
Fax (509) 783-0651
toll-free (888) 654-0014
hanford.center@eh.doe.gov

Anchorage Resource Center

2501 Commercial Drive
Anchorage, AK 99501
Main (907) 258-4070
Fax (907) 258-4240
toll-free (888) 908-4070
doecomp@acsalaska.net

Rocky Flats Resource Center

8758 Wolff Court
Suite #201
Westminster, Colorado 80030
Main (720) 540-4977
Fax (720) 540-4976
toll-free (866) 540-4977
denver.center@eh.doe.gov



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